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SUBJECT: 62ND ECOSOC: ELECTION TO COMMISSION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS

REFS: (A) STATE 97887; (B) CANBERRA 2988

1. HILLGER OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE UN DIVISION TOOK
ADVANTAGE OF A CALL ON ANOTHER MATTER TO RAISE THE QUES-
TION OF ELECTION TO THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.
ACCORDING TO HILLGER, THE FRG BELIEVES THE OUTCOME OF
NEXT WEEK'S ELECTIONS TO BE WIDE OPEN AT THIS STAGE.
THE FRG HAS TRIED TO WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT WITH
AUSTRALIA, BUT HAS NOT SUCCEEDED. HILLGER BELIEVES IT IS
EVEN POSSIBLE THAT THE U.S. OR FRANCE COULD FAIL TO BE
ELECTED, AS WAS THE CASE WITH FRANCE LAST YEAR.

2. HILLGER CONFIRMED THAT INTERNAL DOMESTIC PRESSURES
HAVE PUSHED THE FRG TO MAINTAIN ITS CANDIDACY.

3. COMMENT: WE, OF COURSE, ARE IN NO POSITION TO
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JUDGE THE RELATIVE MERITS OF THE GERMAN AND AUSTRALIAN
CANDIDACIES. WE CAN CONFIRM, HOWEVER, THAT
FAILURE TO BE REELECTED WOULD OPEN UP THE GOVERNMENT TO
CHARGES BY THE OPPOSITION THAT IT IS NOT DOING ENOUGH
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. SUCH A CHARGE IS ALWAYS
SENSITIVE IN THE FRG BECAUSE OF ITS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE GDR. IT IS EVEN MORE SENSITIVE THIS YEAR,

THE YEAR OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

4. ADDITIONALLY, THE GERMANS FEEL THAT THEY HAVE GAINED
SOME CREDENTIALS AS A DEFENDER OF HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE AT THE
LAST UNGA AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES.
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